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To; Committee on Public Health

I am writing to express my support for "An Act Concerning Services for Individuals with Intellectual Disability". I urge you to support this bill. It is time for Connecticut to join other progressive States and close **all** of our state operated facilities. These facilities segregate people with intellectual disabilities from their communities, depriving them of the opportunity to live, work, and play in their community. I know from my own experience as a father of a person with intellectual disabilities, as a former President of the Board of Directors of Sarah (providing services in the shoreline community of CT) and currently President of the Board of Favarh (serving the Farmington Valley), that this is the right thing to do - right for the people concerned and for our State.

Thank you,  
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